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Holiday Festivities Light up Golden

Maureen Keller

The holiday season officially began in Golden last Friday with the kick-off of Olde Golden Christmas. The opening event, a candlelight walk down Washington Avenue, began the month-long festivities. An estimated 5,000 people joined in the fun Friday night. According to one participant, Janet Blair, "It was an evening full of spirit and community and totally non-commercial." In addition to the walk, the city's Christmas lights were turned on and a huge wreath was lowered from a crane.

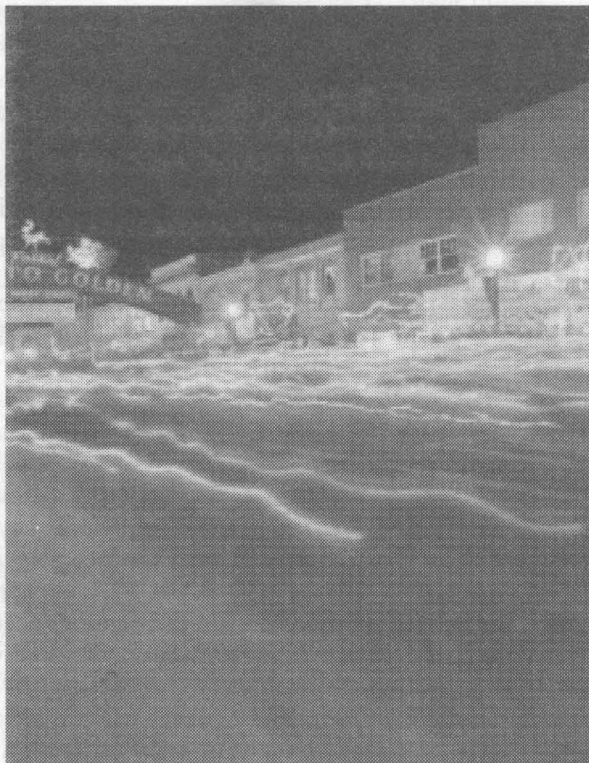
In addition to the candlelight walk, which appeared as a wave

of lights filling Washington Avenue for several blocks, roasted

chestnuts, hot chocolate, cider and other goodies were handed out for free. The Pioneer Museum held its annual open house. The Golden High School choir performed at Clear Creek History Park and the CSM choir appeared at the Green Center.

Large Newfoundland dogs pulled small children on sleds and horse-drawn carriages were available for larger people. The Charles Dickens Singers strolled up and down the street and performed at the Astor House and at the Table Mountain Inn. Live reindeer were on display at the Golden Visitor's Center.

"It was a huge success," says Carol Ann Bowles, director of Olde Golden Christmas. The next scheduled event will be Radio Disney live from the Visitor's Center on Saturday.



Washington Avenue in historic downtown Golden shimmers with lights for the holidays.

Photos by Douglas Baldwin

Mines Graduate Loses Battle With Cancer

Mike Thornbrue

In the early morning hours of Nov. 22, Michael Paul Erskine lost his battle with colon cancer. He was 44 years old. A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 27 at the Star House in Boulder. Mike's wife, Kelly, his stepchildren, David and Julia, and several of his family and close friends attended the service.

Mike graduated from Mines last May with degrees in Engineering Physics and Electrical Engineering. Everyone who knew Mike describes him as an intelligent, easy going, free-spirited individual. Friends say he was strong-willed and met any challenge with amazing determination.

Fellow physics major Ray Reichert remembers Mike for his great conversations. "Mike never spent a lot of time talking about the weather or making small talk. He preferred to talk about science, or science

fiction or anything else he found interesting. He had a way of making an hour of talking in the halls seem like five minutes."

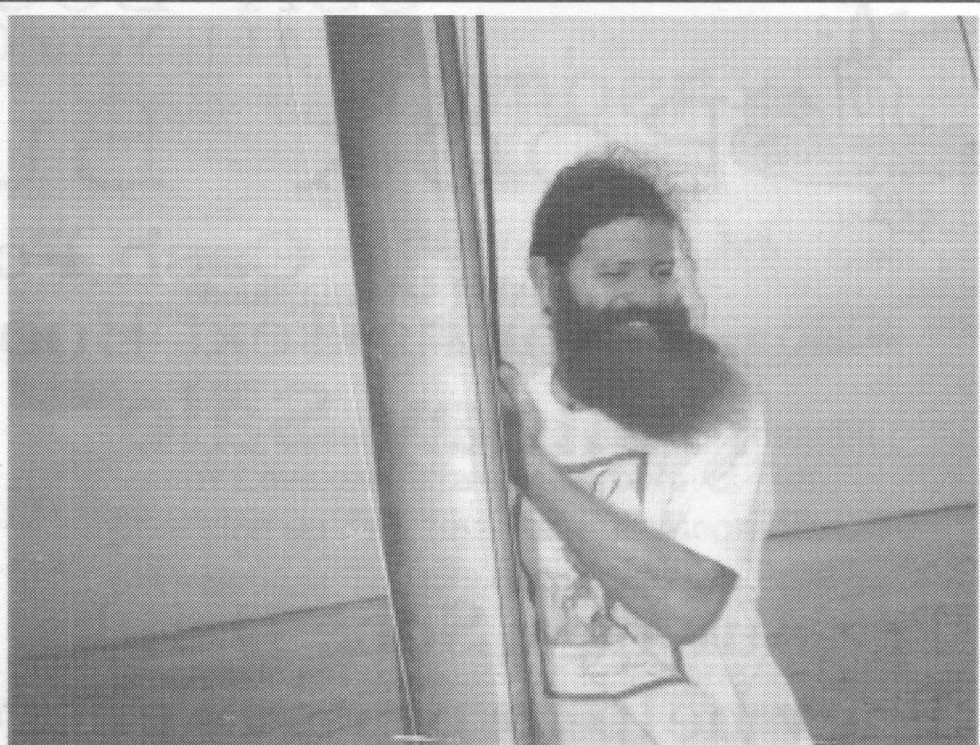
Mike's wife, Kelly, remembers that he loved listening to music and dancing. He enjoyed drinking with his friends down at The Golden City Brewery. On weekends, he liked going to Quixote's, a Grateful Dead bar in Denver.

Kelly says she will remember Mike for his positive approach to life. He always made the best out of a bad situation. Mike made a great father to their children. He was easy-going with his parenting just like the rest of his life. Kelly's own words describe Mike well, "Mike was an amazing guy. His happy bubbly energy will always be with me."

Mike will always be remembered as the happy-go-lucky guy with a big red beard who

drove an old school bus to campus. He was open-minded and he loved to try new things. Very curious, he loved to read.

Before he died, Mike said to his friend Ray, "I've had a short sweet life. I've experienced more than most will in a lifetime."



Mike Erskine

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Mines According to U.S. News

Faisal G. Hashem

U.S. News Online, which recently posted the top 64 "Tier 2" universities in the United States, ranks CSM at 3.3 on a "reputation" scale that appears to max out at 3.9.

Mines was tied by two universities and beaten by 12. This puts us somewhere between 12th and 14th out of 64 for a grade of roughly 80 out of 100. Indiana University took the only 3.9 and the University of Minnesota, Ohio State, and Purdue University ranked 3.8. Texas A&M weighed in at 3.6, the University of Colorado came out at 3.7 and the University of Denver was 2.6.

On the other hand, U.S. News Online's "Best Undergraduates Engineering Programs with Ph.D. Programs" ranked CSM as number 50 in rankings by Methodology from a list of 114 universities.

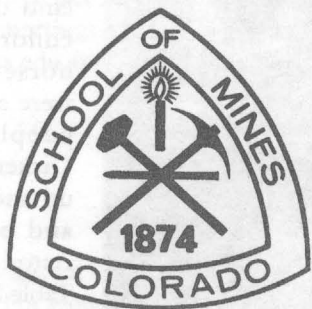
Number one in this category was Massachusetts Institute of Technology. University of

Texas ranked 11, Texas A&M 18, University of Colorado 31, and Colorado State University ranked 61. At the bottom of the list was Utah University.

The U.S. News reports "Top National Public Universities" ranking...in general, the University of California took first place while Washington State University took last in a list of 51. University of Texas ranked 16, Texas A&M 17, and Mines parades in at 26.

Finally, U.S. News Online's "Best Undergraduate Engineering Departments with Ph.D. Programs" ranks the top eight universities in the United States for petroleum engineering. Texas A&M University takes first. The University of Texas takes second. And Mines takes third.

The University of Oklahoma, University of Tulsa, Louisiana State University, Stanford University and Pennsylvania State University make up the rest.



Q&A on Alleged Rape

Recent Rape Accusation Brings Rise to Several Questions

Faisal G. Hashem

Would the accused be placed on a Sex-Offender List if he is convicted? Yes. And he would have to notify the local authorities to wherever he moves.

Why, since the alleged rape was reported at the end of October is the Oredigger just now reporting it? We had to wait for the DA to file. We wanted to be accurate and represent the case fairly, which required waiting for correct and pertinent information.

Has something like this happened here before? According to police and the Dean's office it has, but very rarely. Also the other incidences are less severe. 1) There was a sexual assault claim in the late 80s. It was handled by Golden police. That case also involved a fraternity member and a foreign exchange student. It was off campus. 2) Another unauthorized party around 1995 over summer break involved a non-student. The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office would not take it, presumably for lack of probable cause. 3) The only other badness at Mines was not a sexual assault but a battery case involving a girl and an ex-boyfriend who broke into her home

and beat up her current boyfriend. Both the Dean's office and Mines police maintain that all-in-all, Mines is a safe place. Police note that the one thing that is common among most campus troubles, great and small, is alcohol.

What about PA-101 alcohol awareness training? Were these students trained? As freshmen they are required to take PA-101 which includes alcohol awareness training.

What was the relationship between the two students? There is no indication that they had any kind of relationship at all. They were likely just acquaintances.

What is the difference between rape and sexual assault? In the state of Colorado, none. The state prefers to call rape a "sexual assault" and lumps these cases into a broader category. The state must however report them to the FBI as rape because the bureau does distinguish between the two. For the FBI, rape involves intercourse whereas sexual assault covers many other sexually related offenses.

Is KS in danger of losing

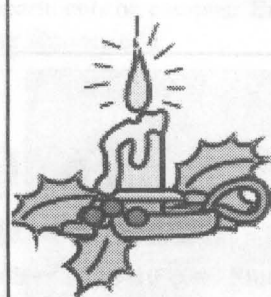
their charter? And what about disciplinary action? "Yes KS is being investigated" said Dean Cheuvront. As a result of their unauthorized party, KS has lost its social privileges. This means that they may not have any parties where alcohol is served for an indefinite time. Cairn A. Lindloff, the Greek advisor, said that the KS house is being scrutinized as to the roll that might have been played by the chapter. Both Dean Cheuvront's office and the Inter-Fraternal Counsel's Judicial Board will evaluate possible needs for disciplinary action.

Is the fraternity looking into any disciplinary action of their own? This is yet unknown. However after speaking with several members, one is left with the impression that they lack a sense of the magnitude of these recent developments. They just don't seem to grasp the gravity of the situation.

Is the school considering suspending the suspect?

Yes. His conduct is currently being evaluated as unbecoming of an individual at CSM.

Just a note, not a question...Mines Police Chief Richard Boyd has a zero tolerance on drugs, period.



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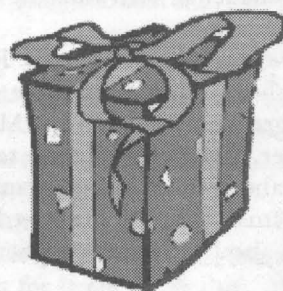
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Alleged Sexual Assault at Mines

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A rape allegedly took place at the Kappa Sigma house, 1801 West Campus Road, sometime between the evening of Oct. 28 and the morning of the 29th, according to police.

The Jefferson County District Attorney's office has accepted the case for filing with the courts and will likely advance the prosecution to the Colorado District Court.

A 19-year-old KS member was charged with one count of second-degree, class-four felony and two counts of first-degree, class-one misdemeanors. The felony is "mid-range" on a scale of one to six with one being the highest. It carries a maximum sentence of 12 years in prison. The misdemeanors carry a maximum of one year each.

"Any party on campus that involves alcohol has to meet the approval of the school's campus rules committee, says Mines Police Chief Richard Boyd. "This party did not meet the necessary criteria."

To be authorized, the KS fraternity would have to have requested the drinking party from the student activities office. The request would have had to state the time of the party, how many people were expected to attend, what kind of alcohol and food would be available, and what kind of security would be provided to protect against underage drinking. The public safety also would have had to have been informed. According to Dean Harold Chevront this was an "absolutely unauthorized" party.

The victim of the alleged attack was 18. Police she was too inebriated to be able to give consent for sex. This appears to be a major consideration of the case. According to the law, all participants must be able to give consent for sex. Anything--drugs, alcohol, coercion, etc.--that impairs one's "consent ability" introduces the possibility of

a sexual assault case.

Initially, police suspected a date-rape drug might have been covertly administered at the party, but tests done by the Colorado

The suspects journey through the court system could be as follows: First, he must deal with the county. This may take one week before a hearing is set. Then the

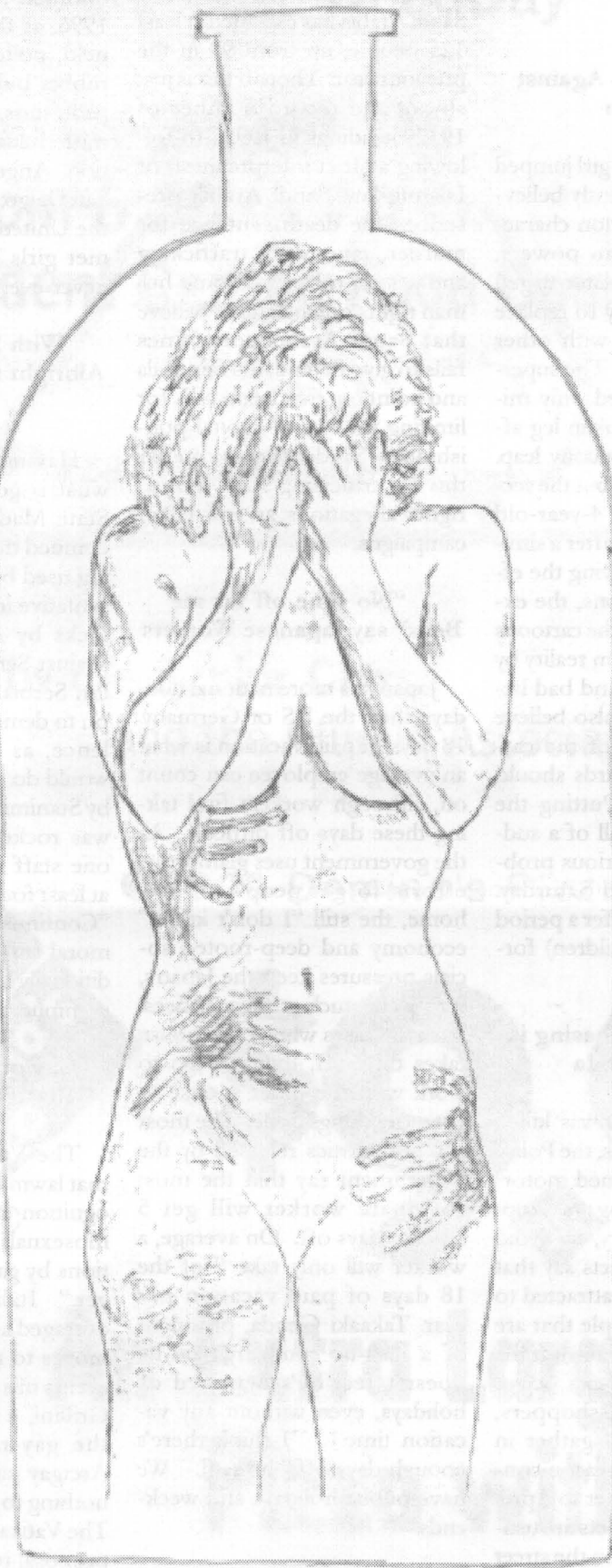
court takes about one week to prepare a formal hearing--longer if other, informal clarification hearings are sought. Next, the suspect will probably go to district court, which will take two to six weeks before trial. CSM rules suggest that the accused student may also be suspended from school. "Unless something else should develop, there are no plans to charge anyone else," says Chief Boyd.

Police say that during the investigation the fraternity as a whole cooperated, but that they felt a lack of cooperation by the individuals because of "fraternal protectiveness."

CSM does everything it can to be fair and maintain safety while accommodating its students' needs for social activities, says Dean Chevront. All campus organizations, including fraternities and sororities must send a representative to participate in an alcohol-training course before the group can have a party that involves drink-

ing. In other words, all Greeks are made aware of campus rules.

Incidences of this kind can only harm the school, its administration, and the students. According to a "Fox at 9" news report, Lambda Chi Alpha's Colorado State University chapter was suspended by its national office Nov. 10 for a party date-rape incident. In that case too, drugs were allegedly involved. According to Chief Boyd, the Mines incident was a "rather extensive one and took in an excess of 40 hours to investigate."



Bureau of Investigations came up negative. However, some drugs, especially the popular date-rape drug Rohypnol, are out of the victim's system within hours. And because a significant amount of time passes while a victim is "sobering up," discovery of the use of these drugs may be difficult or even impossible to detect. "We just don't know," said Boyd. "Had there been any drugs discovered in the test, he [the suspect] would have been charged with a first-degree felony assault."

Erin Brockovich Back at It

Erin McLeod

Erin Brockovich, portrayed by Julia Roberts in the hit movie, has been asked to investigate another public safety issue. Brockovich exposed widespread water contamination in Hinkley, CA, and is now being asked to investigate possible hydrogen sulfide contamination in a residential neighborhood. The request came in a letter from a resident who said her house has tested for hydrogen sulfide at a level five times higher than is considered safe. The gas can be fatal in high concentrations. Brockovich's efforts in California helped lead to a \$333 million settlement against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for injuries to residents of Hinkley.

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An Update from the Health Center

The Health Center now has a limited supply of flu vaccine available for students who have paid the Health Center fee. Additional shipments will arrive every two to three weeks, so don't be discouraged if they run out before you get yours; there will be more available later. Flu shots are available, free of charge, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Students who are observing Ramadan may make arrangements to receive their flu shots after sundown.

Thanks for your patience—and have a healthy holiday season!

Crime at Mines

And Other Tidbits From the Outside

Erin McLeod

Computers Vandalized

Two computers on the lower level of the Arthur Lakes Library were vandalized on November 17. One computer had its keyboard cable cut and the plug removed from the CPU. This case is still under investigation by Public Safety.

Safety Hazard

On November 17, water was discovered running down from Highway 6 and 19th St., down the foot path and onto West Campus Rd. The water was freezing on the pavement and posing a serious safety hazard. The proper authorities were notified and action was taken to alleviate the problem.

Assault

A woman in Mines park was allegedly assaulted on November 19. The suspect entered her apartment and assaulted her then left the scene. The case is still under investigation and has been accepted by the District Attorney for prosecution.

Break Room Vandalized

The break room in Alderson Hall was vandalized on November 27. The perpetrator accessed the change machine and cash was removed. The surveillance camera was also stolen from the scene.

Some Funny News From the Outside World

SOUTHFIELD, Michigan – Recently, the third annual Wacky Warning Label Contest took place. What warning label won the top prize? “Never iron clothes while they are being worn.” Sponsored by Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, this contest features real warning labels taken from real products. The group awarded second place to a Traverse City man who sent in

the warning from his 13-inch wheelbarrow tire: “Not for highway use.” Third place goes to another Texan who submitted the warning label from a bathroom heater: “This product is not to be used in bathrooms.” Past winning labels include: A label with a hair dryer reads, “Never use hair dryer while sleeping”; A container of underarm deodorant says, “Caution: Do not spray in eyes”; A cardboard car sunshield that keeps sun off the dashboard warns, “Do not drive with sunshield in place”; and a warning label found on a baby stroller cautions the user to “Remove child before folding”. The group that sponsors this contest claims that the labels are put in place to ward off frivolous lawsuits.

Darwin Awards—Often Awarded Posthumously to people who prove by their actions man hasn't evolved very much

Robert, 37, shot himself while explaining gun safety to his wife in Glendale, California, when he placed a .45-caliber pistol he thought was unloaded under his chin and pulled the trigger. Shovestall's wife told police that the incident occurred after her complaints about her husband's 70 guns prompted him to demonstrate their safety.

A 23-year-old bar-brawler who had been escorted out of the Turtle Club in Florida by a bouncer, sneaked back in and leaped off a staircase, aiming a kick at another man, but was killed when he landed on his head.

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet, didn't put enough postage on a letter bomb, and it came back marked “return to sender.” He opened the package and was blown away.

Pokeman and Grasshoppers

Cause World Trouble

Strange But True News of the World

These news stories come from all over the world, just to show us that there really is a another world out there. Most of these stories came from the NY Journal News.

Turkey Warns Against Pokemon

After a 7-year-old girl jumped off a balcony apparently believing she was a Pokemon character with superhuman powers, Turkey's health minister urged TV stations Saturday to replace Pokemon cartoons with other children's programs. The superhuman child suffered only minor damage of a broken leg after her fifth-floor balcony leap. This was not the first but the second time; earlier, a 4-year-old boy suffered injuries after a similar jump. After studying the effects of these cartoons, the experts concluded that the cartoons distance children from reality by having both “good and bad heroes.” The experts also believe that the popularity of the cartoons and trading cards should be discouraged. “Putting the cartoon off the air all of a sudden could lead to serious problems,” Durmus said Saturday. “Televisions must offer a period of time to make (children) forget the cartoon.”

Grasshopper Chasing is Bad in Uganda

After a schoolgirl was killed while pursuing insects, the Police in Uganda have warned motorists and people chasing grasshoppers, a local delicacy, to avoid accidents. The experts say that since the insects are attracted to street lights, the people that are chasing them congregate near the roads and accidents can occur. In this region, grasshoppers, known as “nsenene,” gather in Uganda as the rainy season continues from November to April. When caught the insects are usually roasted and sold on the street as hot snacks. The “nsenenes” are large, at slightly more than a pound, and a de-winged grasshopper sells for \$1.50. Some people comment that after working all day, the insects taste like deep-fried fish. “I have been in this business for the past seven years and I have saved lots of money from it,” Mugera said. “I know so many friends who have built houses and bought cars from this business.”

Drug Dealer's Beheaded in Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia beheaded a convicted Pakistani man of drug trafficking said the Interior Min-

istry. Sayf Al-Rahman Abdul-Jabar was executed in Saudi's capital Riyadh after being found guilty of smuggling an unspecified quantity of heroin into the kingdom. With this beheading Saudi Arabia has executed at least 125 people, up from 99 in the previous year. Though this is just shy of the record number of 191 beheadings in 1995. In following a strict interpretation of Islamic law, Saudi Arabia prescribes the death sentence for murder, rape, drug trafficking and armed robbery. Some human rights organizations believe that Saudi Arabia sometimes fails to give defendants fair trials and point out that Islam calls for limiting the use of capital punishment. Saudi officials counter this by criticizing such human rights allegations as anti-Islam campaigns.

“No time off for me Boss” say Japanese Workers

Japan has more national holidays than the US or Germany. 18 days of paid vacation is what an average employee can count on, although workers find taking these days off difficult. As the government uses glamorous efforts to get people to stay home, the still “I don't know” economy and deep-rooted social pressures keep the Japan's, 9 to 5'ers stuck at their offices. In many cases when one spouse takes time off, they will go to work with the other spouse to get more things done. The most recent statistics released by the government say that the most fortunate worker will get 5 straight days off. On average, a worker will only take 9 of the 18 days of paid vacation per year. Takaaki Genda, president of a start-up company, said he doesn't feel he's deprived of holidays, even without any vacation time. “I think there's enough days off,” he said. “We have public holidays and weekends.”

Miss World now Fights for the Beauty Crown

Miss World, the British equivalent to the American Miss Universe is striving to show it as the forward-thinking beauty pageant for the twenty-first century. With host Jerry Springer, Miss World is shown all over the world except in the U.S. In some countries Miss World remains quite popular, though in Britain it is only shown on the fifth of their five channels. Organizers try to show the millions that have been raised over the years for charities. The contestants also show their academic achievements and community spirit.

Sviatlana Kruk of Belarus hopes “to discover and prove a new mathematical rule.” In the past years Miss World has had many troubles. Demonstrators flourbombed the event in 1970. In 1996, as the finals were being held, police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at rock-throwing protesters, and one man committed suicide by self-immolation. Angelique Breaux, 22, of San Diego, Calif., who represents the United States, has said “I've met girls from countries I've never even heard of.”

With Strong Language, Albright Condemns Kosovo Violence

Having really no effect on what is going on, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright condemned the bombing of a building used by the Yugoslav representative in Kosovo and also attacks by Albanian insurgents against Serbian police in southern Serbia. Albright then went on to demand an end to the violence, as any rational person would do. After a building used by Stanimir Vukicevic in Pristina was rocked by a bomb killing one staff member and injuring at least four others Albright said, “Continued violence erodes the moral support Kosovo has traditionally held in the international community.” O really.

Gay or “de facto” Unions Blasted by the Vatican

The Vatican said resonantly that lawmakers giving a legal recognition to the marriage of homosexuals and allowing adoptions by gays were “a great danger.” Italian gay groups were outraged after the Vatican made moves to try to block gay pride events this past summer. Franco Grillini, a former president of the gay-rights organization Arcigay said, “God's plan has nothing to do with the lay state.” The Vatican also has presented a proposal to make sex crimes including “sex tourism,” crimes against humanity. “De facto unions are the result of private behavior and should remain on the private level,” the Vatican said. It described as a “serious sign of the contemporary breakdown in the social and moral conscience.” Earlier this month, Germany granted legal recognition to gay couples; they followed similar moves over the last few decades by other Western European countries. While not citing any particular country, the Vatican spoke of “great concern” about lawmakers' efforts “in many countries with an ancient Christian tradition” to give legal status to unmarried couples.

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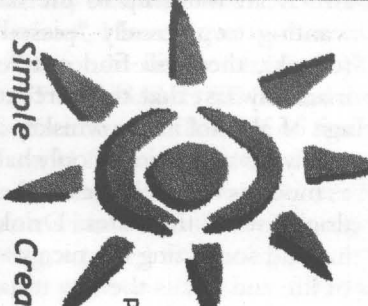
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Finals Food

By: Keith T. Crowe

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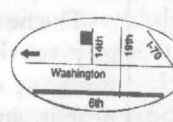
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I must have said that phrase a thousand times over the last year. In the later part of the school year, I would only have to nod my head at the bartender and he would start the pint off. The pub is an integral part of life in Britain and Ireland. I once heard it voiced as, "You meet friends there, you get engaged there, and your wake is there." It is common to see children with parents running around the pub at almost any time.

Alcohol consumption is common-place in Great Britain. It is ingrained in the culture, just as driving a car is in the States. The people there seem to have a much better grasp of the concept of drinking as a sociable activity than most people in the States. Two friends (from Michigan) and I were in London, coming back from a concert, when we came upon a pretty busy street. There is not always a streetlight (red, yellow, and green) or a green or red man when there is a crosswalk; in this

"Pint a' Guinness"

Rusty Lannin

case, there wasn't. Now, there was a slightly visible cross walk on the road and two blinking lights on the side of the road; you were just supposed to step out. We all looked at each other as the cars zoomed by and stepped into the street. It was 11:30pm on a Friday night and all the cars just slowed to a stop. We all stated almost together, "I was pretty nervous doing that." In England and Ireland, drinking and driving is practically unheard of. The laws against it are thoroughly enforced and an immense majority of the people just do not do it, ever. A friend of mine, who was of age, was caught drinking and driving and blew a .02. She lost her license for 3 years and had to pay a large fine.

In England, you only need to be 18 to legally be able to drink. This does seem odd at times when you see 15 and 16-year-old kids trying to get a drink at a pub. Though, if you think about it, it is not much different than

an 18 or 19 year old kid doing the same here. The pubs also close at 11pm in England and 12:30am in Ireland. There are clubs that are open later than that, usually till 2 or 3 am, but they have cover charges on an average of \$10 to \$15.

If you were to put the American standard of alcoholism in Britain, over 75% of the people would be considered alcoholics. Though it is so much different, you really cannot compare the two. It is completely expectable for a person to go to the pub after a day of work at 4pm (in England it's quite dark in the winter at that time). Many people do go to the pub everyday, have a pint of beer or three and socialize. The key in that description are the words Pint and Beer; these are where you find the differences. A pint is about 1 and a third of an American 12-ounce beer. The alcohol in this pint is usually only 4.7-5.5% when in most part of the states it is 6%. Even when a

person does decide to have a mixed drink or a whiskey (spirits, as they are called), they are order by the shots. The shots are only served in 25-centiliter portions. Which is, if you do the math, much smaller than an American ounce. To compensate, shots are usually ordered in doubles or triples, but this tends to get quite pricey. One of the final differences is that if an American walks up to the bar wanting to get really "pissed" (drunk), they will find out remarkably fast that the percentage of alcohol in the whiskey is nearly always a third or only half as much as their regular whiskey drink back in the States. Drinking and socializing is a nice way of life and this is the way it has been for hundreds of years. Over football (soccer) games or... (well really there is only football) it is just a nice way to spend a rainy, cold, dark, windy or otherwise typically wonderful British afternoon. Enjoy.

Beszelsz Te Angolul? Do you speak English?

Josh Boge

This week, on a slightly more sober note, I thought I would talk about the difficulties of living in a foreign country while not speaking the language, and provide some helpful Hungarian tips.

I've been in Budapest for two months and I'm taking a Hungarian class, yet still I don't have a clue as to how to say anything other than yes, no, and may I have a beer please? (Very important). Perhaps the fact that everyone I talk to speaks English and all my classes are in English has something to do with that. If I were forced to talk to Hungarians (unfortunately I don't really know any), I would probably pick it up a bit faster.

First of all, let's start with the fact that the language is impossible. That's good basic knowledge. For example, instead of having prepositions (in, to, at, near), they put specific endings on the nouns to perform the same function. They have all the basic prepositional endings, but then for each one there may be three or four forms that you have to conjugate for the individual word. That's not too bad, really - you kind of just match up the vowel sounds, but then sometimes you also have to add a prefix to the verb to match the preposition!! ARGH!!!

Pronunciation is a bit different. Do you read Car and Driver? It's available in the Library, so check it out. One of the editors is Csaba Csere, which I think is Hungarian. See, it's not

pronounced 'K-sa-ba K-se-re,' it's 'Chab-a Chair-eh.' The Cs makes a 'Ch' sound (think Choo Choo Train), a single S sounds like a Sh, Sz makes an S, J sounds like Y, etc., etc.

So some of the words can be funny. Cheese is 'Sajt', which sounds to me like a Scotsman cursing, new is 'Új', which is just a funny word, milk is 'Tej' and tea is 'Tea' (Tay-a). I was confused for a short time after I ordered tea and they brought me milk.

Alongside Hungarian, I am attempting to make the most of my situation and learn a few things in Spanish, Italian, French and Finnish. While I do know how to say I'm not crazy in Spanish, the rest of my learning seems to be limited to vocabulary of drinking and cursing. Do you think I can get LAIS credit for that?

I've had my first test in Mechanics IV (mechanical vibrations). While I did well enough, I advise all you sophomores to STAY AWAKE IN DIFFERENT SCREW. My life would be much easier had I learned the formulas the first time around. Springs and dashpots are fun, but single degree of freedom damped oscillatory systems presented to you on paper at eight in the morning on Friday are not. Dough.

This weekend I am travelling to Poland, so next time I'll let you know the real truth about Pollacks and their intelligence level.

This One's For You, Kowalski

Josh Boge

I recently made a short trip to forever answer the question, 'How many Polish people does it take to screw in a lightbulb?' Unfortunately, I was unable to convince any of the locals to attempt the daring feat of bravery, but I did see some other interesting things - and some terrible things.

Our trip started off by taking a wrong turn at Albuquerque, in true Bugs Bunny form. But seven U-turns and two countries later, we were there.

After much indecision it was decided to sleep in the car the first night (my second time in Europe!). Eight people in a small Peugeot van is not the most comfortable accommodation in the world, especially when two of them are nearly sleeping on you.

But the gas station we were parked at offered all the modern conveniences we needed (running water, yes!) and healthy vittles (Twix for everyone!).

The next day we awoke groggily to the bustling city of Krakow, er, well, somewhere near it, anyway. Saturday's activities were to be a trip to the infamous city of Oswiecim, known by everyone else in the world as Auschwitz. There are actually two different camps, dubbed Auschwitz I and II. Auschwitz I was merely a converted military barracks, but Auschwitz II is the factory style camp where most of the evil was done.

When they realized that they were losing to the Allied Forces,

the Nazis destroyed the gas chambers at Auschwitz II and many of the other buildings there, but the sheer size of the place pays memory to the unthinkable things that happened.

Everything is as it was when the Nazis left in '45, save for the monument that has been constructed by the international community and dedicated to those who lost their lives there.

I visited on a cold, rainy day, and my limited English skills can't offer a good explanation of just how terrible the place is.

I have been to Washington D.C. and visited the Holocaust Museum, and while it was impacted me severely, it is just a small kitten in comparison to being at the actual place. Imagine Coolbaugh 209 filled with shoes three feet deep - that's about the amount displayed at the exhibit of things the Nazis collected, and that is only a portion of the people who were there.

After that humbling experience, we traveled back to Krakow to take a meal and some beverages. Once again the group lent itself to being extremely incapable of making a decision, but finally a restaurant with candles and original paintings was the choice. (I'm used to Chi-Chi's or Outback) I ate some sort of chicken entrée (as you can tell it was great) and Wander from the Netherlands ate a fish complete with head. Yummy.

The beverages also received mixed reviews, well, at least from

me. Supposedly Polish vodka is quite famous, but my unfortunate past dealings with the drink didn't agree. The savior came in the form of Zywiec beer. Hard to say, but easy to drink. Mmmm, beer.

Sunday we went to famous salt mines near Krakow. I'm sure that the Mining students will tell you how much work goes into making a mine nowadays with machinery and fun explosives, but imagine a mine that is 400 feet deep completely done by human labor. That is the depth the tour goes to but I think there are shafts even deeper.

On the tour (given in Polish, another brick in the incomprehensible language wall) we were taken to many large caverns, one that is an underground church. It is complete with murals, chandeliers, staircases, and a statue of the Pope, all carved out of solid salt. (That's sodium chloride for you chemistry types)

Sunday afternoon we explored the old city of Krakow, which is one of very few that retains much of its original architecture.

Krakow, unlike most other cities in Eastern Europe, was saved from destruction after the war because the Russians came to free the city in such a way that the Nazis had no time to do their dirty deeds.

Then, after another eight hours in the trusty Peugeot van we arrived in Budapest.

Smelly and dirty in places, but for now I call it home. So far, so good.

Urban Assault

Alyssa Ablan

It's 4 a.m. You're in the desert climate of Colorado, but the air in the club feels like a jungle, moist and thick with condensation dripping from the walls. The smoke is so dense that you can barely open your aching eyes. You desperately need a breath of fresh air and attempt to make your way through the bouncing crowd to the entranceway you last visited six hours ago. Suddenly the music stops and the MC announces the next DJ. My advice to you? Fresh air isn't nearly as important as the dark, rich, and deep drum n'bass sounds you are about to hear. Find the nearest speaker and sit to give your tired legs a rest, for you may not have a choice once DJ govind lays down his first track.

Govind's first CD titled *DJ govind: Dub-Plate Tektonics* is quite revealing. Not only does this compilation confront you with his musical preference for dark industrial drum n'bass, but in its title shows his ever-present identity as a geological engineer (December graduate @ CSM). His style is fresh and thoughtful and his dedication to perfection is profound. He fills his record bag with the sounds of cutting-edge drum n'bass artists: Stakka and Skynet, E-Sassin, Total Science and DieselBoy. It won't be long before DJ govind joins them as one of the most sought-after names in the underground world of electronica.

Govind's passion for music and dedication to perfection is a result of many years of creative exploration. He was born in India, thus the Hindu name Govind. As a child, he spent most of his time by himself,

which he claims hindered the development of his social skills. However, this independence allowed him to delve into the depths of his young mind and ignite his creativity. At age six, Govind's mother relocated to the United States and settled in California where she immediately enrolled him in the Waldorf education system; a school renowned for encouraging fine arts and the creative process. His teachers quickly noticed his artistic appetite when he insisted on reworking his projects to the point of perfection.

After he graduated from Waldorf High School, Govind attended art school at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where he focused on ceramics. He preferred sculpting site-specific, large-scale ceramic mobiles that he would hang from trees and buildings. He used high-fire ceramic stoneware, some pieces brightly colored, others earth-toned. Some pieces were commissioned, others were shown through his favorite method, which he describes as the "urban assault". His "urban assault" tactics involved going out late at night and hanging his mobiles from street signs, buildings and trees without permission. When asked why he preferred this method, he responded: "I do it for that split-second of surprise, the moment when a viewer asks 'why?' or 'how?'"

Answering those questions is a welcome challenge and life-long endeavor for Govind. He claims that "all art is a problem with a solution." From solving the problems associated with hanging large, heavy pieces of

stoneware with metal cables to geological exploration, and, finally, to finding the perfect sequence of tracks that not only blend together musically, but also energetically, Govind finds answers. His craving and mastery of underground industrial art and music isn't for the weak at heart; in fact, it may require my previous suggestion: "Find the nearest speaker, sit down and give your tired legs a rest, for you may not have a choice once DJ govind gets on the decks".

Don't miss the rare occasion to see DJ govind in his alter ego as DJ Tektonic along with Sinister Groove (Sound Pharmacy residents), BEEKAY (Together World Resident, Brainfroot NYC), Paul Kim (Traxx, Bash, Sound Pharmacy), and DES ONE (Catalyst Crew, Wet Decks) **THIS THURSDAY**, December 7th on campus at the Field House, 1300 Illinios St. Golden. The party, affectionately called **TEKNOLAB**, will run from 9-3am. The seismic sound system includes towering sixteen 18" inch subwoofers with horns for the complete experience. Eye candy will also be provided with eight intelegent laserbeams as well as fog. Presale tickets are limited but still available at the Higher Ground Coffee Shop in Golden and Color of the World on "The Hill" in Boulder for only \$5. They will be \$10 at the door so grab them while they last. Don't miss it! Call the info line for more details: Dub-Plate Tektonics, (720) 359-1299.

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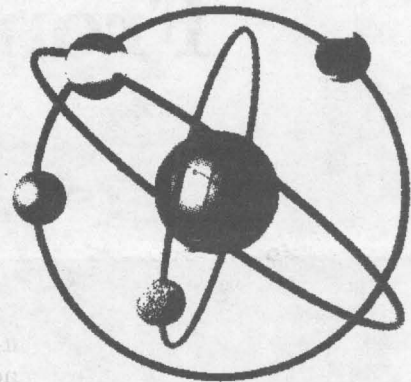
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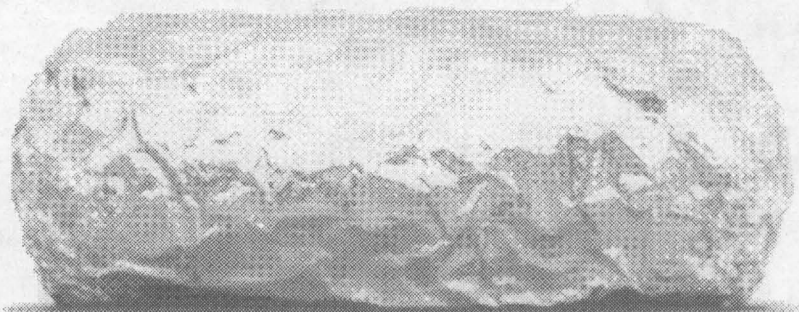
Glenda Anderson

Many of the students at Mines chose to come to school here simply because there was no essay on the application and because it was the furthest thing from a liberal arts school they could find. However, many students who came here, even the ones who gladly gave up mandatory English, still love music and the music programs that are associated with liberal arts. Despite the rumor that Mines has next to nothing in the way of liberal arts, music programs are very much alive and active at Mines.

There are three different music programs at Mines. The first, Band, is offered as a class and is taught by Ross McClure. During the fall semester, the main focus of the band is the marching band, which performs at the Oredigger football home games. After the home football season, the concert band, which puts on 2-3 concerts per year, begins. In

addition to the regular concert band, several small ensembles form throughout the year, such as Flute choir and Brass choir. The second group is the choir, which is also offered as a class and is taught by Bob Klimek. Small choir groups, a Barber shop group, and a chamber choir also exist. The third music group, the Mines orchestra, as of now exists as a club and is led by an outside director.

In addition to group music programs, students at Mines also have a place they can practice individually, with the addition of new practice rooms to the music department. The new music practice area, which is located in Chauvenet 230, consists of 3 small practice rooms, a large practice room, and a computer room. Three new pianos, stands, and chairs are available for student use. The main practice area is typically open during the day for use.

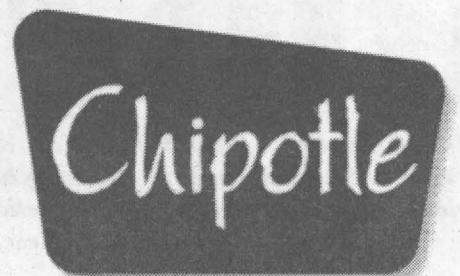


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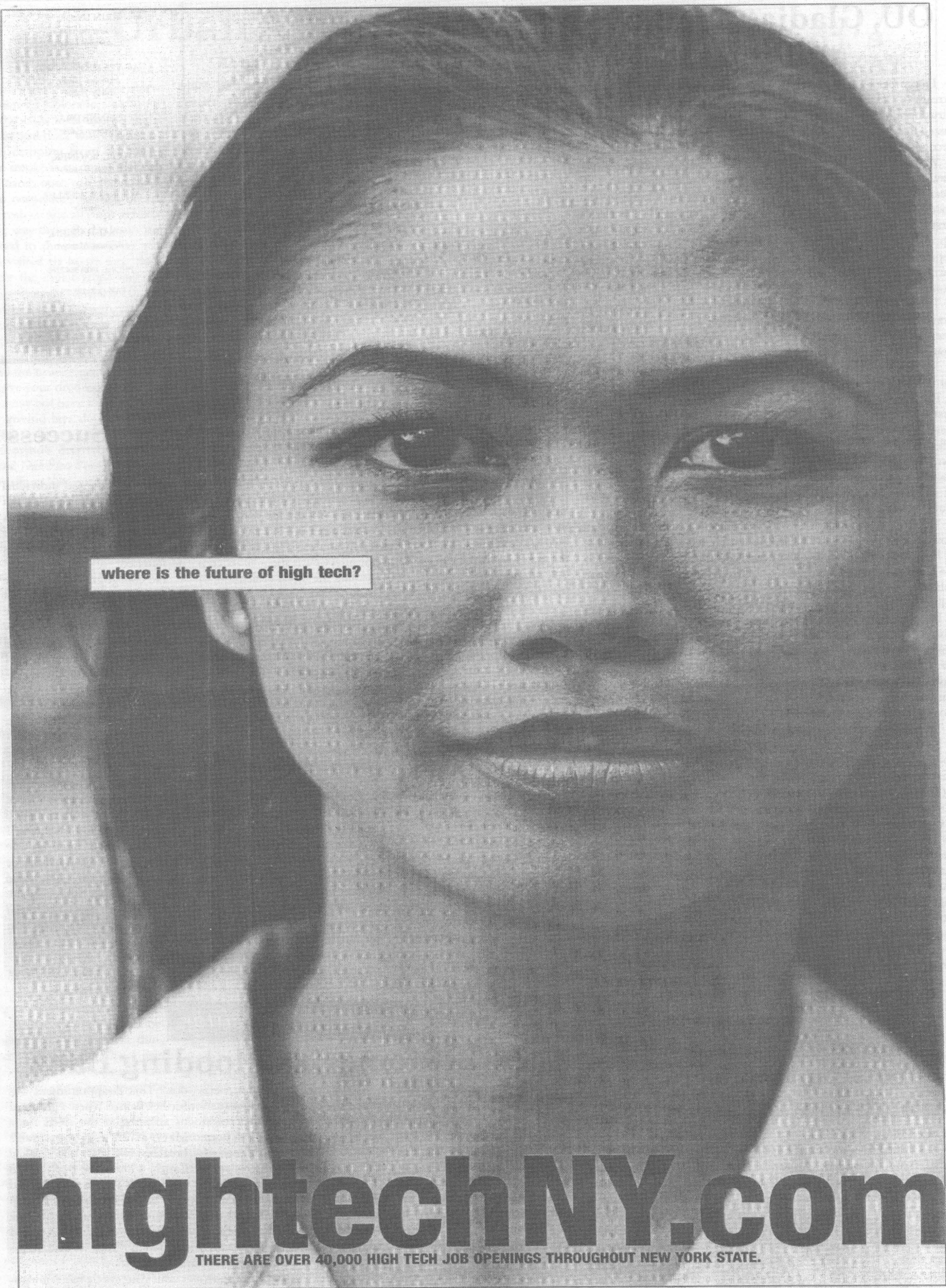
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December has slipped eerily under the skin and into the blood stream of the nation. And along its back, feeding mercilessly like a virus upon the souls of the infected, is a strange bug that has never lasted this long (at least not in the last 100 years or so). I didn't even recognize I was a victim until last Saturday...let me explain.

A strange story broke over the radio as I drove I-25 on Saturday. Apparently, some poor traveler had broken down on I-70 near the mountains. Ditching his crippled car, he headed up the road to find help - only to meet his horrific demise. He was struck first from behind by an unsuspecting motorist, hurled viciously into opposing traffic, then beaten to his death by a reported fifteen separate cars. It was a story that first yanked at my heartstrings then turned quickly to fear and desperation as my gas peddle quit functioning in the middle of I-25.

It was all I could do to get in the left median and prepare to brave this fate that seemed all too familiar. Lucky enough, I had been on foot for only a dizzying mile or so before an enormous orange truck pulled up behind me.

My conversation with the truck driver turns stunningly from my car troubles to politics. He brings up David Boies and the hearings in Leon County - even asks my thoughts on Kathryn Harris. At first this seems natural, and I partake in the conversation as if we were talking about sports - and then it dawns on me - we aren't talking about sports. The Big XVII Championship was merely hours away and Oklahoma was riding an undefeated season up against Kansas State. Orange Bowl rights were at stake, as was the pride of the wasteland known as Norman, Oklahoma - and we were mulling over politics.

Yes, the virus that has blown in with the winter winds is like Mad Cow Disease. This virus attacks the central nervous system where all logical processes are broken down and the brain is reduced to the likeness of a smashed pumpkin. General nutrition and hygiene habits have been forsaken for the new essentials, which include a daily fix of court hearings and political analysis.

People exchange words about the next court briefing or the next scheduled national address from either candidate. Names like Boies, Harris, Baker, Christopher, and Hughes are being used with the enthusiasm one would use when talking about McCaffrey, Smith, Giese, or Davis. The hearings in the courts are the new playoffs. Bush vs. Gore has drawn more attention than Ali vs. Foreman (although James Baker vs. Warren Christopher is picking up the pace).

Thanksgiving passed and all the memories I am left with consist of Kathryn Harris's certifying the state vote, and the Detroit Lions trouncing the New England Patriots. Does anyone even remember what the issues were anymore? Or the campaign trail? It's like flashing back to a regular season match-up between the Rockies and the Dodgers only to face the same pairing in the playoffs.

One might think that the demise of this virus would come with the concession of either candidate. In a way it will. Once one of these gladiators is beaten to such a brutal pulp that he can no longer stand up to address the nation, the initial virus will be defeated. Unfortunately, we can only speculate on the horrors of the coming plague that will ravish us all when George W. Bush assumes residence at the White House. It seems that the ghoulish residents of Norman, Oklahoma will have the last laugh when the whole nation resembles the hometown of the Sooners - at least by then we'll be talking about football again.

Chris Fabian

Letter to the Editor

Setting the Record Straight on Texan Drivers

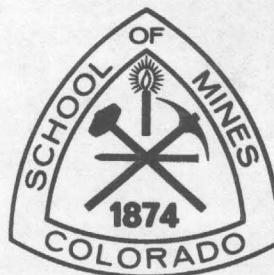
Dear Editor,

I am writing to complain about the article I read in the [November 16, Issue 7] *Oredigger*. An article [entitled "The OPEC Cartel and Texas Tea written by Rusty Lannin] implied that Texans are poor drivers, which I take exception to. Texans are not poor drivers regardless of weather conditions, including sleet, snow, and ice. The problem is that everyone ELSE tenses up under these driving conditions and become frightened by the flamboyant nature of Texan drivers. People from Colorado are especially prone to be frightened by the confident and occasionally aggressive driving tactics of Texans because all Colorado drivers are naturally cautious due to the large amount of dangerous mountain driving they do. So next time you see a car with Texas plates roaring down the highway in the snow don't be alarmed; simply pull over onto the shoulder to let this competent and confident driver pass you.

Luke Saugier

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Letter to the Editor

Communication Crucial for Miner's Success

I have usually found reading the *Oredigger* entertaining, sometimes comical, and often enlightening. It does one good to hear the views of people outside their own community. I may not be the most sophisticated reader, but most of the articles and opinions reek of the naivety found in people who have yet to step out into the real world. That isn't necessarily a bad thing. However, I found one article in the past issue to be right on the money, and I have real world experience that substantiates Brett Maughan's position on EPICS [see Issue 6, Nov. 8., "With All Due Respect, a Change is Needed"].

I have not taken the EPICS course, nor have I seen the syllabus. My response is based on my personal experience with students graduating from an engineering oriented university versus those with a more generous helping of the liberal arts.

Having been in a position of hiring/firing for many years, I can tell you that a degree from Mines will heighten your chances of getting an interview. It might

also mean more money if you were to be hired. It is the area in between where I feel your curriculum might let you down. Most interviews are over in the first minute. The remainder of the interview is spent either confirming the initial evaluation, or making you think that you have a chance.

Coming from Mines, your communication skills, and overall roundedness are suspect. This might not matter if the job requires a person to spend all day communicating with a computer. However, in my 15 years of experience in the industry, with companies large and small, I have yet to find a position where communication skills were not very important if not mandatory. You can't write a program if you don't know what the user wants.

I didn't always realize the value of communication. I learned it the hard way, by hiring the wrong person for the job. I remember one lad, probably the best programmer I ever met. I had to terminate him because he was unable to step away from his terminal and speak to people

intelligently.

Another talented individual expressed himself very well, but had never learned to listen. As a result, he didn't give the user what he requested. He too was terminated.

No college graduate will have all the skills to walk in my front door and be productive on the first day. They either don't know the tools we use, or understand the industry, or a combination of the two. We, as employers, expect some sort of training to occur. It is far easier for us to train in the use and application of technology, than the intangibles of a sprinkling of liberal arts.

I think engineering universities underestimate the importance of producing a well-rounded graduate. The bottom line is, I would rather you give up one or two classes on assembly or EJB to study Chaucer and world history. You may not realize the application of those classes at work, but the skills learned in those classes will be used daily.

Arnie Lachner

Letter to the Editor

Ace Hi Memories Flooding Back

As a rather dated graduate from this institution (BS ChemE '93) I was absolutely delighted to discover via your article [see "The Legend That is The Ace Hi Tavern," by Chris Fabian, Issue 7, Nov. 17] that the Ace Hi still holds a special place in the hearts and minds (and liver) of the CSM student.

I remember fondly the days as an undergraduate drinking \$2 pitchers of beer and playing pool with my buddies. Candy and the other bar maids always helpful, and that strange accepting but not quite meshed relationship between the students and the practical people who frequented the establishment.

Older friends of mine were even better patrons than myself and would claim that they could tell when the tap lines had been cleaned solely by the flavor of the beer. But those guys were from an era when drinking at Mines was much more prevalent. Some would spend the entire day at the ACE starting with Bloody Mary's at 7:00 when it opened and continuing through till closing, living on beer, liquor and those awful little weiners you could buy for a buck from behind the bar.

I could see a decline in the ACE spirit when I was an undergraduate and felt sure that it would die out as a student hang

out. That disappointment was further flamed when a group of us stopped at the ACE for a Mary after a groomsman's breakfast two years ago. I asked Candy when they had started serving Fat Tire on tap. She told me, "About a year ago to keep the students coming," she shook her head, lowered her eyes and continued "Yep, we had to go Yuppie."

But your article has reinvigorated my faith. I still go there every once and a while, and if I meet Chris Fabian there, I'll be sure to buy him a double shot of Wild Turkey.

Brad Williams

Farewell, And Thanks For All The Fish...

Well, I've got one issue left to discuss all the other topics I wanted to touch on in this commentary series. I guess that means I'm going to have to be concise and to the point.... Yeah, right.

Now before I begin I would like to say this one thing in Mines' favor. This school seems to be much more competent when it comes to scheduling finals. In my five years here, I never had overlapping finals, and rarely had more than two finals in one day. In my first semester at my new school, I have three finals total. Two on Monday of finals week, AT THE SAME TIME, and the other one on FRIDAY of finals week! I'm not pleased.

Okay. Now that I've vented, on with the show (more venting, actually.) First let's get the issue of online classes out of the way. My new school, like many schools across the nation, offer a number of classes entirely online. You buy the text, and on the class website is the syllabus. It tells you what chapters to read, what your homework assignments are, and you take your tests directly on the site. You have access to your professor and your fellow students through email and online chat rooms. For the highly computer-literate student body at this institution, I would think this sort of learning opportunity would be ideal. And this would also enhance the "preparing-the-mind-for-a-lifetime-of-learning" element of college I mentioned in my first commentary. Online classes can be applied to many freshman level core curriculum classes and for many of the basic Liberal Arts classes that CSM can't seem to find the staff for. At my new school, Metro, they offer such online courses as Principles of Chemistry, Micro- and Macroeconomics, Intro to Biology, Intro to Physics, Intro to Environmental Science, American History, Business Ethics, Intro to Psychology, and even their Freshman Composition class, which I also referred to in my previous article. These could all work at Mines. For classes like Physics and Chemistry, online classwork could be integrated with an on-campus lab section. For more information on how Metro's online classes work, check out their website at www.mscd.edu/metro_online.

Now granted, online classes wouldn't necessarily help improve one's interpersonal communication skills, but it would leave a person more time to engage in activities where those skills *can* be cultivated. This brings me to my next topic: non-science-and-engineering studies and extracurricular activities. This institution does a fairly good job of supporting engineering-related clubs and societies. And these are definitely important to be involved in. I never partook of any of the professional societies in my department, but that was because I didn't foresee an

engineering career in my future. But you better believe I am getting involved in the theatre societies and clubs at Metro. These activities are great places to learn the all-important art of schmoozing, and to begin networking for the future. If you, the student, miss out on these opportunities, it is no one's fault but your own. Where CSM can be found at fault is with respect to the non-engineering options: Liberal Arts studies and extracurricular activities. Granted, many students simply choose not to partake of these experiences, but often that is because they can't find anything they are interested in, because of a lack of variety. But, to some extent, this is due to a lack of support from the school, financially and otherwise. And this lack of support makes it more difficult than it should be to start a new club. In contrast, my first show with the Metro Theatre Association ran on a \$15,000 budget, and they are fighting for *more* money. And yet instate tuition at Metro is about half that of Mines per credit hour. Now I don't pretend to know how Mines utilizes your tuition and student fees, I'm just saying this: those wealthy CSM Alums out in industry, the ones complaining about Mines graduates' communication skills, might be more willing to donate money if they knew it was going to support clubs and classes that would improve those skills.

Long-winded? Yes I am. But I think I've made my point. Oh, wait. One more thing. This school needs some more politically-oriented clubs and classes. I know most students at this institution dread politics, but here is a news flash for you all: once you enter the real world, and start moving up the corporate ladder, you may soon find politics inescapable. It might be worth your time to get acquainted now. The McBride program did a reasonably good job of that for me, but McBride is only open to the select few. If I may make a suggestion, McBride ought to open all its classes to the entire student body.

While I'm on the subject of Liberal Arts classes I might also mention that, while the school made a nice gesture in promoting Liberal Arts classes at Red Rocks that can transfer in for elective credit, the effort turned out to be less effective an idea than originally envisioned. As it turns out, the average Mines student doesn't seem to have the time to commute to and from Red Rocks for one class a semester. Hmm, Mines students don't have enough time? How odd.

So far I've made claims that you will need to write, speak, and maybe even politick in the real world. What else will I have to do, you ask? Generally that sort of thing can be learned in those first few months on the job. However, that learning process

can be overwhelming to many, even to the point of shell-shock. But the solution to this problem is a surprisingly easy one: internships and co-ops. Every student should be required to do one of these to graduate. I would go so far as to say that Mines would do well to devote an entire semester of the required curriculum to a co-op experience. Internships and co-ops will prepare you for the real world and also give you a networking head start. Internships have led directly to job offers after graduation for many of my friends. Personally, I spent the summer after my sophomore on an internship with a seismic exploration crew in an oil field in Argentina. It was a life changing experience for me. It gave me a strong dose of real world experience, and also provided me with a more global perspective on life. It was my first experience on another continent. I was surrounded by co-workers and locals whose language I didn't speak, so I taught myself basic Spanish while I was there. And I gained a confidence in my ability to survive on my own wherever I go.

This brings me to my last topic for discussion. Many of you may realize that our economy, our industries, are becoming ever more global every day. Chances are that many of the students graduating from this institution will work on at least one project in another country. Being able to communicate with your foreign clients will be just as important as communicating with domestic clients. In order to do this effectively, one might want to understand something about other cultures, or even speak other languages. Unfortunately, the options for foreign language classes at this school are dismal. This, of course is due, in part, to a lack of interest, which in turn, is due either to a lack of desire or a lack of time on the part of the students. Again, the time issue. Is that significant? I'm not sure. CSM has done a decent job of offering study abroad opportunities to students, but the students don't seem to know that they should use those opportunities. All of my friends who have studied abroad have been much better off for the experience. It will change your life, I guarantee it. Don't miss out on this opportunity. I haven't yet, but I intend to spend some time in a masters program in England before my time in school has ended.

Well, that about wraps it up. For those of you who stuck with me through all my ramblings, thank you for your time, that valuable commodity. I hope you gained something for the time spent. Farewell. Always remember to keep an open mind, and don't let life pass you by. Follow your dreams, and find a career that you love, or you may live to regret it.

Brett Maughan

Letter to the Editor

Defending Public Safety

Student Applauds Public Safety's Handling of Harassment Although Frustrated With Oredigger

Dear Editor,

As one of the victims mentioned in a recent "Crime At Mines" column, I wanted to respond to comments made about Public Safety [in a letter to the editor entitled "Got Pork," published in Issue 5 of the *Oredigger*.] Someone harassed me over email and I went to Public Safety to report it. They were not only very nice, but took my situation seriously. They not only acted on the issue right away, but also outlined what steps would be taken if things got worse. They also offered to escort me to and from my car at night anytime. This is something they are willing to do for anyone.

The fact is that although some people are irritated with Public Safety for issuing tickets and breaking up parties, this is part of their job. If you don't want to pay a fine then don't park illegally. The reason why we have Public Safety at Mines is to protect the safety of the students, and I think that they are doing an excellent job. Not only are they sensitive and proactive, but they have been doing things like offering self-defense classes to help people feel more safe.

Lastly, I think that the only thing that bothered me about the way my case was handled was that the text of the emails that were sent to me, was published in the newspaper. I am frustrated that neither the reporter nor the editors realized how disturbing it would be for me to have to read them in black and white. I also think that the paper needs to reevaluate the way that it deals with such privacy concerns. I realize that this is partially Public Safety's fault for releasing the information, but they have already apologized to me and I know that they meant no offense.

I wrote this to tell people to get off their high horse and stop seeing Public Safety as people who are trying to make things hard for them. The truth is that they are doing what they can to make this campus safer, and to me that is more important than a couple parking fines.

Anonymous

Letter to the Editor

CSM Alumni Association Isn't After Your Money

In the November 9 issue of the *Oredigger*, Mr. Chris Mills suggests that after graduation he won't have to deal with CSM any more "with the possible exception of being harassed by the alumni office for money."

As director of the Association, I can assure Mr. Mills that our mission isn't to harass alumni. In fact, just the opposite. The association operates for the mutual benefit of the school and its alumni, and is not in the fund-raising business. The association provides many services, not only to alumni, but also to the school and current students. For example, the association provides financial assistance in the form of gifts to freshman and seniors who are children and grandchildren of alumni who have been members of the association for three of the last five years. The association also has a student loan program to help out current students in need. An annual golf tournament is held each year to raise funds for this program.

The association is also responsible for planning and putting on annual reunions. It sponsors the senior banquet--free to all graduating seniors--and the senior pizza party, also free. The association also helps produce Homecoming festivities.

For alumni, the benefits provided by the Alumni Association are even greater. The association organizes sections and section activities throughout the world. Not only are activities fun social events, they also provide those all-important networking opportunities. The association also publishes an annual directory and gives them free to graduating seniors.

Alumni are also eligible for career services counseling at the association once they have been out of school for at least 18 months. And the association also offers group insurance programs and e-mail forwarding.

In other words, Mr. Mills, we at the Alumni Association are here to serve you. We hope that you change your mind about us. We are here to help you not harass you.

Michael Watson
CSMAA Executive Director

Letter to the Editor

Political Change in Peru

Last Nov. 22, Valentin Panigua, an experienced Peruvian lawmaker, became the new Peruvian president after more than 10 years of Alberto Fujimori's regime, the second biggest authoritarian ruler in Latin America after Cuba's Fidel Castro. Fujimori resigned Nov. 20 after a political scandal was brought on by a video showing Mr. Montesinos, Fujimori's right-hand man, bribing an opposite congressman to switch parties during late September. To most critics, Fujimori was one of the best presidents in Peruvian history. However, for others, he is just a clear example that "power corrupts."

Defeating Mario Vargas Llosa, one of Peru's greatest living novelists, the people elected Fujimori as president for the first time in 1990. He defied the United States and the Organization of American States by taking nearly dictatorial powers, but Peruvian people broadly endorsed his move. They also handed him a landslide election victory in 1995 against Javier Perez de Cuellar, a former re-elected United Nations secretary general. Fujimori emerged as a Latin America political phenomenon. He defeated the country's two terrorist groups, reduced the nation's inflation to single digits, stabilized the country's macro economy; accomplished peace with Ecuador after several wars and reduced the cocoa cultivation, which turned Peru into the major United States ally against cocaine trafficking.

However, Fujimori used most of his second term maneuvering to make way for a third term. Mr. Montesinos, head of Peru's national intelligence agency, was just found to be involved in running guns to Colombian guerrillas, laundering money, and directing death squads. Further investigations also revealed that he had more than US\$69 million in secret accounts in Switzerland, Panama, Uruguay and the United States, among others. Two days ago, investigators announced their suspicions that Montesinos might have US\$400 million from his black-market business. It is unacceptable to think that Fujimori is not involved in all these criminal actions. His decision to stay in Japan after resigning supports the notion that Fujimori fears facing Peru's justice, which he manipulated for the past five years to allow himself a third term.

I still remember how dangerous it was for Peruvian college students to oppose the government only two years ago. Last summer, I spent more than two months with my family in Arequipa, the second largest city in Peru. I remember very well the days when my brothers and I were protesting under dense tear gas against Fujimori's dictatorial regimen. Now Peru has a new president whose responsibility is leading Peruvians to real democracy and fair elections next April 8. As for myself, I want to pray for all the Peruvians who died fighting for the removal of Fujimori's dictatorial government. Que viva el PERU!!!

William Martinez

Letter to the Editor

Candidates Recognize Sigma Nu Values

Dear Editor,

The following are paragraphs that two of the Sigma Nu candidates wrote as the final session of their fraternal education program. I feel that they have captured what Sigma Nu is all about, and would like to share them with your readers.

Craig Myers
Chapter President, Colorado School of Mines
Sigma Nu International Fraternity

I want to be a Sigma Nu because I feel I can bring diversity to the house. I feel that every one in the house shares common values and morals. I feel at home when I am with my brothers and I know I can trust everyone in the house. The house offers a great deal of support for academics, personal issues, etc. You know that you can always confide in your brothers. There is a high level of respect and maturity within the house, which promotes good camaraderie and life long friendships.

Ron Pearson, sophomore

I would like to be initiated into the Sigma Nu Fraternity because I appreciate and agree with its morals, values and ways of life. I enjoy the close brotherhood of the chapter and the way the pledges have been welcomed as men. I believe that I am a good candidate for initiation because I share many similar ideals with the fraternity and with the active members. If initiated, I will do my best to become a better man, a more whole person; I will try to live my life in consistency with the morals of Love, Honor, and Truth. I believe that I could be an ideal Knight of Sigma Nu.

Morgan McArthur, freshman

The Administration Is Out to Get Me!

Chris Mills' "outrage at the way this school is run," is noise. Mr. Mills' letter to the editor, *Disrespect Toward Students Uncalled For*, in the Nov. 9, Issue 6 of the *Oredigger* points "the finger at the extremely poor level of professionalism used by the faculty and staff when working with students." He rants on about "the constant contempt, discourtesy, and general arrogance of the individuals who work in Guggenheim."

I, too, Mills, have had errors in billings. Everyone has a bad day now and then, but the people in Guggenheim have always been professional and accommodating to me. I'm special...I don't think so. I'm polite...yes. Get the picture?

Trouble in our administration is something I would have found. I promise. I am naturally a cantankerous tease, and perpetually the devil's advocate...ask anyone who knows me...it's true. But I just cannot get a mean-spirited response or even a mean look out of our administrators.

I am sure that Mills is sincere about his trouble. Who does not have trouble? The people he dealt with are the same people I deal with. I believe that they are diligent and fair. Communication is a two-way street. If I am not getting through to someone about my troubles, it is usually half, or in my case more, the fault of my reluctance to focus and manage my engagement skills.

Mills asserts that "They [Mines administration] are not careful

about what they do, and when students call them on it, they are disrespectful..." Which students is Mills speaking for? I count one. He goes on to say, "I was informed that I owed the school money. Apparently, the school credited my account the full amount of my dorm costs and then a month after I moved out, charged my account a pro-rated amount for the time I spent there. There was no notice from the school that I owed this money." Mills...you should have asked (and you did say you were informed). No one is giving you free rent. When you find someone who does, let me know. Another thing, keep better track of your own money or you will lose it.

Mr. Mills is upset about spending 20 minutes to resolve that problem. Wow. I am as impatient as the next guy. So again, if you can find someone who can solve your "problems" in less than 20 minutes, let me know. And again, let me stress to you, *keep track of your own money because, Mr. Mills, no one else will.* If you find someone...you get the point. Oh, and on the comment "...after doing this, she promptly returned to what she was doing...", if you constantly argue with and alienate people, yes, even professionals will return to what they were doing and ignore you.

Mills continued, "Talking with others, they also had similar experiences." Me too! But bad ones? No. Again, a 50/50 communication job does the trick.

Most people I spoke with found the same pleasant relief I experienced when I had problems--some natural to a school system, some natural to life, and some due to our own ignorance. When I say "pleasant relief" I mean it.

Mills did "take time to point out that not everyone in the Administration has problems."

He cited the legal office as "...very willing to work with students..." One registrar is an "...example of excellence..."

So, let's get this straight, Mills' problem is one financial screw up that was resolved for him in 20 minutes. I'll bet he took longer to write his letter of discontent. And, he may have unfairly damaged some department and individual reputations. He also originally points his finger at both "faculty and staff" but cites no examples of faculty abuse at all. Further, Jane Cowden, who he blames for his troubles, is *not* in the Student Receivables Office (Business Office) but works in the Financial Aid Office. This is a completely different department on a completely different floor.

Speaking of "time," and at the risk of emoting, I have no time for rebuttals. My eyes hurt, and I am in my "end of the semester time crunch." But, I will make time to set the record straight. The people that Mr. Mills is trashing are friendly, fair, polite and professional. Our administrators, the people in Guggenheim, are good people.

Faisal G. Hashem

Farewell From the Editor

Ah yes, that time of year is here once again: Christmas is nearly here and the panic of finals is setting in (for the seventh time in my college career). With exams to study for, papers and labs to turn in, resumes and cover letters to send, my Christmas cards lay unsigned, packages are still unwrapped, and my cat impatiently waits to be fed.

With all this to do, still, all I can think of is that this is the last issue of the semester and that I now have one thing less to do. I have completed my term as Editor-in-Chief of the *Oredigger*.

Taking the reins next semester is the ever-fearless Agata Miodonski (currently assistant editor and news page editor) with the help of Lianne Hill (currently features editor) as her assistant editor. These ladies will lead the *Oredigger* through another year, bringing the paper to new levels. No doubt, the paper will take on a new and refreshing personality this spring.

I can never be sure if this last issue came too soon or too late. I have spent many late nights and early mornings staring at the computer screen and venting my frustration over another late ar-

ticle. The staff still tolerates me and I am truly and forever indebted to these wonderful people who have dedicated as many or more hours than I have to the nonstop task of putting out this newspaper.

Great page editors Lianne, Agata and sports page editor Loic Wagner are truly dedicated to a good time and hard work. They kept me in line and added their own creative spunk to their pages and the issues as a whole.

Of course, the true heroes of the *Oredigger* are the writers. The sports staff, (Greg, Reece and Karen) is truly indispensable, coming through every week with timely sports updates. Ben, Will and Chad, the Funny Boys, have provided hours of entertainment. James and Mike are always ready to cover the most recent political and moral debates while Zach always came through with a website or MLT review. Glenda gave us great news articles while Erin gave us "Crime at Mines" and told us of our childhood hero Mr. Rogers' plans to hang up his sweater. And who could forget our business staff, led by Faisal who could sell... Well, maybe

the Funny Boys should explain that sometime. Keith and Mike learned Faisal's wheelin', dealin' techniques like pros. Then there's always Chris' insightful political editorials and his knack for making the Ace Hi sound like Cheers. If you ever make it to Europe, talk to Rusty and Josh to get the lowdown on foreign travel. Andy and Mike, the online staff, answered all my computer questions without laughing and kept the *Oredigger* online. Then I could never thank the photo staff (Douglas Baldwin) enough for his expertise.

I also want to be sure to include Maureen Keller for all her time, wisdom, insight, and knowledge of the English language. She's incredibly patient and a great friend to talk to.

There's also Cairn Anderson Lindloff whose patience and pointers are greatly appreciated.

I think that covers the bases. I enjoyed my year as Editor-in-Chief and hope to someday regain some of the sanity I lost in the endeavor. I learned a lot and as a result, I think I'm ready to graduate!

Erin Kock

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Mines Football Receive Recognition

Kacey Kingry

Four members of the Colorado School of Mines 2000 football team were recognized with postseason Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference honors, the league announced Tuesday.

Sophomore kick/punt return specialist Brian Sump (Denver/Thomas Jefferson High School) was dubbed First Team All-Conference after compiling 1082 return yards in 2000 on 38 kick returns. Sump currently holds the RMAC record for return yardage in one season.

Sump ran a kick back 100 yards for a touchdown early in the season against MidAmerica Nazarene, and he also returned 19 punts in the season for 294 yards. Sump received RMAC special teams player of the week honors three times during his sophomore campaign.

Junior wide receiver Dayven Johnston (Colorado Springs/Coronado), an All-American track athlete in his first year of football at Mines, and was named to the RMAC's Second Team for the 2000 season. Johnston finished the year leading the Orediggers in receptions with 42

catches and 527 yards in 10 games. Johnston pocketed six touchdowns on the year, and averaged 52.7 receiving yards per game.

Sophomore place kicker/punter Josh Hodson (Denver/South) and senior outside linebacker Matt MacRostie (Culver, Ore./Culver) both received Honorable Mention honors in 2000.

Hodson punted 72 times for 2760 yards on the year, with a 38.3-yard average and an 84-yard long kick. Hodson was good for four of eight field goals, his longest connection coming from 52 yards out.

MacRostie led the Orediggers in tackles for the second consecutive year with 77 total. He totaled 32 solo tackles on the year, six for a loss of 24 yards, and one sack for 13 yards. MacRostie also intercepted one pass for 19 yards, broke up another, forced three fumbles, and recovered one. This year's RMAC honors mark the second time MacRostie has received league recognition in his four-year career at Mines.

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The Fans of CSM

Jenna Roads

Athletics is all about spectator sports. From the first real "athletes" (probably the Greek Olympians), to modern-day football heroes, athletes perform for an audience.

They do it for fame, for glory and for recognition (I'm sure the money doesn't hurt either, but there would be no money if not for the audience).

In addition to just a few hours of work a week, most athletes train nearly every day of the week, for hours a day, to be able to perform their best in front of an audience.

Many people are fans of a certain team. Reasons for supporting a team vary and can be anything from "I like their colors" to "I like a certain player on the team" to "I live in this state/town or go to this school."

One of the strongest types of fan is the one who makes the last statement, the theory being that they belong to that community, and that the team belongs to the community, and therefore the fan and the team are somehow linked.

A feeling of belonging and ownership create a real fan who can stand the test of time.

A real fan is one that sticks by his team. It is almost like a marriage between the fan and the team. The fan-team for better or for worse, richer or poorer, in sickness or in health, losing or winning.

A team tries its hardest to win and entertain the fans. A true fan doesn't flop on his team or let his spirit down just because of a couple of losses. Where have the true fans at Mines gone? True, there are a few, but these are the

exception. Every student on this campus belongs to the Mines community.

The Oredigger sports teams are made up of students that also belong to this community. They wear our school colors; they flash our school name. Every student on this campus is linked to our school's athletic teams. Yet the support doesn't show that.

Attendance at athletic events is not a high priority on this campus. Even most of the students who do attend rarely cheer. Attendance is higher at events where we feel our team will probably win, but not a great deal higher.

Don't all athletes deserve our support? After all, these athletes go to all the same classes we do, have just as much homework and as many tests as we do, and yet they also have practice two hours a day. And they do this so that when we start talking to people at other schools, we can talk about football and basketball and all the other sports teams we have.

It is obvious that the Oredigger athletes would like a student presence at sporting events. Soccer players run around in poster boards. The basketball team sets up an exhibition in Kafadar Commons. Various other sports groups spend time chalking sidewalks. Let's be true Mines fans and give these athletes what they want.

Go to a basketball game, a track meet, and even a swimming meet. And don't just go—cheer your heart out. These aren't just obscure athletes; they are part of our community. Let's show some spirit, give some support!

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Oredigger Basketball Faces Defeat in California

Karen Martin

This weekend the men's basketball team traveled to Davis, Calif., for the Hamilton Classic Tournament. On Friday night, the Diggers were defeated by Sonoma State University 64-66.

Mark Simon of Sonoma scored in the final five seconds, leading the Cossacks to victory.

At half time, Mines was down 21-31, but at the start of the second half, went on a 19-8 run to take the lead 40-39.

With 4:03 left in the game, Ben Esplin hit a three pointer giving CSM a 58-55 lead. The Diggers held that lead until the final shot of the game.

On the night, Ben Esplin had 18 points. Sam Handsborough had 15 points and Jeff Shindelus ended up with 14.

Handsborough also had a game high with six assists. According to coach Harris, both teams played hard, especially in the second half.

On Saturday, the Miners matched up against UC Davis. The Colorado School of Mines lost 63-85. Ben Esplin was high point for the game with 13 points. Luke Michael and Eric Valencia both had nine points in the game. Esplin also lead the team in rebounds and assists.

Mines Swimming Competes in Colorado Classic

Reece Bollinger

The Oredigger swimming team competed at the Colorado College Classic between December 1st through the third.

The men's team placed first out of five teams and the women's team took third out of six teams. Many people on both teams placed among the tops. The 200 yard freestyle relay team placed three in the top five.

Taking first was the four-man team of Shane Opsey (freshman, Aurora), Ben Lichtwardt (junior, Colorado Springs), Brooks Masterson (sophomore, Greeley) and Brian Pursley (freshman, Colorado Springs) with a time of 1:27.50.

On the women's side, the team of Holly Daughterty (senior, Littleton), Libby Liston (freshman, Estes Park), Malia Miranda (senior, Colorado Springs) and Sarah Silver (senior, Murray, Utah) placed fourth with a time of 1:44.94.

In the 200-yard backstroke, Liston placed fifth for the women (2:21.68), and on the men's side, Ross Serven (sophomore, Canon City) placed third (2:04.56), Kyle C. Tingle (junior, Lincoln, Neb.) took fourth (2:04.76) and Jacob Johnson (sophomore, Eaton) landed in the fifth spot (2:08.22).

The 100-yard freestyle saw two men place in the top five. Lichtwardt took third (49.45) and Keith Dalke (sophomore, Hollywood, Maryland) placed fifth (50.35).

In the 200 yard breaststroke Jackie Mayercak (senior, Holt, Michigan) took the fourth spot for the women (2:38.37) and on the men's side Pursley placed first (2:11.63), Copsy took second (2:11.75), Jeremy Zimmerman (junior, Ft. Collins) landed in the third spot (2:19.66) and Mike Mirimoto (junior, Greeley) took fifth (2:21.55).

The 100-yard butterfly saw Masterson take second (53.18)

and Luke Bernhardt (sophomore, Olathe) placed fifth (56.30).

In the 200-yard IM Daughterty took third (2:18.83) for the women and Pursley took first (2:00.88), Lichtwardt took second (2:02.41), Tingle placed fourth (2:06.01) and Kelly Melton (freshman, Milwaukie, Ore.) placed fifth (2:06.34).

Lastly, for the Diggers, in the 1650-yard freestyle Molly Zeller (freshman, Arvada) took second (18:59.91) and Liston placed third (19:15.95) for the women's team.

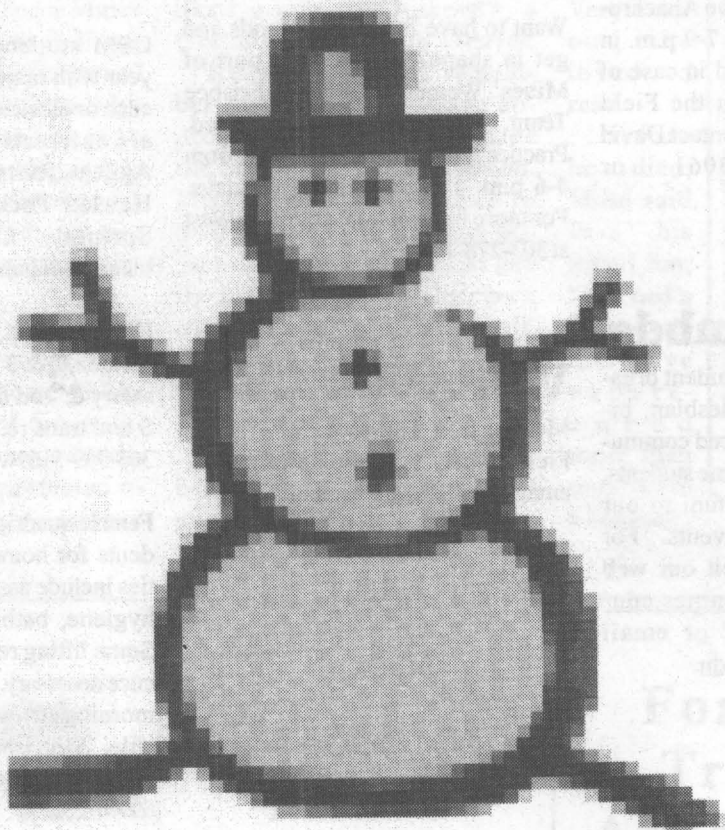
On the men's side Masterson took the top spot (16:54.88), Erik Dean (freshman, Eugene, Ore.) took third (17:21.78) and Robert Colgrove (junior, San Antonio, Texas) landed in the fourth spot (18:23.49).

Next up for the Oredigger swimming team is the Nebraska-Omaha Invitational to be held on Dec. 16th and 17th. in Nebraska.

Help Golden's Needy

According to the current Golden Informer, the city of Golden community newsletter, there are 42 families that in need of support "to make their Christmas a happy one." To help out, call KYGO radio at 303-321-KIDS or the Golden Police Department, officer Guy Gardner 303-384-8066. They ask that you do not donate used items and that you tell them whether the gift is for an adult or child and if it is gender specific. Golden police officers will deliver the gifts to the families on Christmas Eve.

Keep an on what the Outdoor Recreation Center has to offer this December



- 1st - sign up deadline for Square Top Mountain hike (12/9), \$10
- 2nd - Ski Shuttle to Loveland leaves ORC @ 7am
- 2nd - ski, snowboard and telemark lessons at Loveland leaves the ORC @ 7am
- 5th - sign up deadline for Full Moon hike, \$5
- 6th - Square Top pre-trip meeting, 7pm in the ORC
- 6th - sign up deadline for Keystone/A-Basin ski shuttle (12/16), \$10
- 7th - Avalanche Safety course, classroom session, 6:00-8:30pm. Projection Room
- 8th - Dead Day Ski Shuttle and Tubing trip to Winter Park, leaves ORC @ 7am
- 8th - Avalanche Safety course, field session departs for Jones Pass at 7:30am
- 9th - Square Top Mountain hike
- 11th - Full Moon hike: Maverick Hill/Sawmill Loop leaves ORC at 6:15pm
- 16th - Keystone/A-Basin ski shuttle leaves ORC @ 7am

Miner Notes

Alpha Phi Omega

CSM's co-ed service fraternity meets Wednesday nights in Meyer Hall 357 at 7 p.m. For information on how to pledge (even if you haven't attended any rush events) contact Neil Blazak at nblazak@mines.edu.

Anime Club

Take a break and watch some cartoons with us. Next showing is Nov. 12, noon, in the ballrooms of the Student Center. It's 100% free. There are also Monday meetings. Contact mhaisfie@mines.edu for info.

APO

APO meets Wednesday nights at 7 P.M. in Meyer Hall 357. For more information contact Neil Blazak at nblazak@mines.edu.

ASM/TMS

ASM/TMS has always had strong presence on campus. Nevertheless, starting this semester, MT department head, Dr. J.J. Moore combined all related materials societies into one called Materials Science and Engineering Club (MSEC). This included ISS, ACerS, AWS, and ASM/TMS. We welcome members from all departments on campus. Email yhuang@mines.edu.

Ballroom Dance Club

Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m. Student Center-Ballroom C. Practice sessions starting at 7 p.m. before each lesson. \$18 semester dues, \$4 drop-ins.

Board of Publications

If you have complaints regarding any of the publications at the Colorado School of Mines, please feel free to contact a member of the Board of Publications. You can email the chair at clanders@mines.edu or the ASCSM representative Kip Findley at kfindley@mines.edu.

Bridge Club

If you like to play cards and want something more interesting than hearts or spades, why not try bridge? The CSM Bridge Club meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Coolbaugh atrium. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ

All are welcome to join us for our weekly meeting at 8:00 in the Student Center (Ballroom A) on Thursday evenings. It is a place to fellowship with friends and grow in your walk with God. For more information please e-mail jvigil@mines.edu.

Circle K

Come find out about the world's largest student-run service organization. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Student Center in room 234. For more information contact zachscully@hotmail.com.

Earthworks

Are you interested in becoming involved in environmental issues at CSM? Come check out Earthworks. Meetings are held Mondays at 12 noon in Meyer Hall 353. All are Welcome! Questions? Email earthworks@mines.edu.

FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the projection room on the second floor of Volk Gymnasium. All are welcome: Christians, athletes, both or neither. For more information email fbuckner@mines.edu.

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization represents the interests of all internationals at the Colorado School of Mines. Informal meetings are held at the International Office (1404 Maple Street) as needed. We welcome ideas on activities to further improve the experience of the International students and the Mines community at large. Contact Leslie 303-273-3210 or Kenny 303-215-0449

Kayak Club

Kayak Club holds pool sessions Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, beginners to advanced. Contact Nicole Baert at (303) 273-0507 or email nbaert@mines.edu.

LDSSA

All students are invited to enjoy a guest speaker and lunch for \$1 at the Latter Day Saint Student Association's Friday Forum Fridays at noon at 1212 Arapahoe Street. Email meallen for more information.

Outdoor Rec Center

Looking for a little recreation? Need equipment? Need lessons? Visit the Outdoor Recreation Center across the street from the IM fields. Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6 and Sat-Sun 10-2. 303-278-6202 is all about. Don't miss it!

PHATES

(Peers Helping Aid in Tough Everyday Situations) "We are listening..." Dedicated to listening to your problems. For more information, contact Mel Kirk at the Student Development Center, 303-273-3377.

Reward

Reward offered gold bracelet lost around campus on October 30. If found, please call 303-716-0303.

Robotics Club

Students from any and every major are welcome to participate in the CSM Robotics Club. We build robots for competitions, including a robot for the SAE Walking Machine Challenge and one for the Battle Bots competition. We meet every week on Wednesday at noon in Berthoud Hall room 204. More information: cgoerzen@mines.edu

SCA

The Society for Creative Anachronism meets Thursdays 7-9 p.m. in Kafadar Commons and in case of inclement weather, in the Field House. Questions? Contact David at (303) 278-3061 or dclement@mines.edu.

Sigma Lambda

Sigma Lambda is the student organization for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community at CSM. We welcome students, faculty, staff, and alumni to our meetings and social events. For more information, visit our web page at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/glbe/ or email sigmalambda@mines.edu.

Sober Drivers

Need a ride home on Friday or Saturday night between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.? Call Kappa Sigma Sober Driver Program at (303)-279-9951. You must be within 15 minutes of campus.

SWE

Are you ready for an inspiring year? This year, the theme of Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is "Inspiring Women." SWE is a fun club! You will have huge benefits: Evening with Industry, Ice cream social party, and many interesting guest speakers. Come to CO 209 on Wednesdays at noon! Lunch will be served. Join SWE and have fun with us.

Ultimate Frisbee Organization

Mines Ultimate will be practicing this fall on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 5 p.m. on Kafadar field. This is a competitive team that travels to different areas around the state and country to compete in tournaments. If interested view our web sight at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/ufo/ and contact any of the officers for more information.

Water Polo

Mines water polo is off to an exciting start. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45-9:45 p.m. and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. This is a coed team so please feel free to join us in Volk gym pool.

Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team

Want to have fun, make friends and get in shape? Come be a part of Mines' Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team. No experience is required. Practice is on Kafadar Commons from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Julie West at 303-278-7431.

Volleyball Club

Meetings on Thursdays at 7 in the Field House. For more information, email rstephen@minse.edu.

Classified Advertisements

For Sale.

90 Honda CRX 4-cylinder, 148K, 5 speed, CD-player, and good gas mileage. Questions- email Tobyttturnage@mines.edu

'82 Volvo 244DL standard w/ overdrive, air conditioning, CD player, snow tires. Great condition- \$1800, (303) 978-9023

Epson inkjet printer \$50, dinette table w/ 4 chairs \$50, Queen bed frame \$25, CD rack \$5, 303-384-3995

Queen waterbed new heater liner/ mattress wood frame with bookcase headboard \$175. Antique Maple dining table and 4 chairs \$150. In Golden but we can transport to CSM. Call 303-278-1072

Pair of women's ski boots, almost new (used twice)- \$50. abrinson@mines.edu

Service Providers.

Spaces avail. for daycare and morning preschool. Children ages 2-5 accepted. In my home located on 6th Ave and 19th St. Ask for Anneka 303.215.6156

Help Wanted.

Nanny/ babysitter for 9 mo. old M-F a.m. thru p.m.- flexible hrs. Molly 303 278-0909 leave msg.

Female student wanted for occasional childcare. Golden family. Please call Debra 303-278-0099.

Homeschooling mother of 3 boys looking for 5-10 hours of help in my home with children and house-keeping. Wednesdays 12:30-4:30. Need commitment through winter and spring. Please call for further information Elaine 278-4436.

Nannies, Childcare. Professional Care for Children Wanted 303-471-0704

CSM students graduating this year with majors in computer science or electrical engineering who are interested in working for Agilent Technologies (Formerly Hewlett Packard) in Colorado Springs. Contact Jason at bikerone@juno.com or 215-6436.

Help Wanted, Live in nanny in Golden, 2 & 3 yr old, M-F to 5pm, salary & 1bd duplex provided, N/ S and trans req'd. 720-352-6535h 303-939-5169w

Female quadriplegic (46) seeks students for home health care. Duties include assisting with personal hygiene, bathing, dressing, etc. Some lifting required. No experience necessary, will train. Part-time morning or evening hours available. Morrison area. \$7.50-\$10/hour. Please call Cheryl @ 303-697-6725.